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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 10, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. IN THE CLAIMS:

/ Please cancel claims 22, 44-45 and 82 without prejudice.

